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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE IN SECURITY COUNCIL

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING "EUROPEAN" WORKING PAPER:

- 1) ELIMINATE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 7.
- 2) DROP PARAGRAPH 5 OF PREAMBULAR AND COMBINE IT WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3.

COMMENT. THIS WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF MOVING PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 6 UP IN ACCORD WITH GREEK WISHES AND TAKE ACCOUNT OF TURKISH OPPOSITION TO UNDUE EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

- 3) REVISE OPERATIVE PARA 1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "URGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST RESTRAINT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH COULD ONLY INCREASE THE PRESENT TENSION OR WHICH COULD PREJUDGE THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES, THUS LEADING TO ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM."

COMMENT: WORD CHANGES HERE ARE MORE OPTIONAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE BUT, SINCE BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS FOUND SOME FAULT WITH THIS PARA, THIS MIGHT OFFER ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE.

- 4) REPLACE OPERATIVE PARA 3 WITH NEW LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS:  
"3. SUGGESTS THE USEFULNESS OF DIRECT AND SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND RECALLS TO THEM THE AVAILABILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AS AN APPROPRIATE BODY TO WHICH ANY ISSUE UNRESOLVED BY THEIR NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE JOINTLY SUBMITTED IF

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NECESSARY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTES

OF THE COURT." ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE INSTEAD OF "RECALLS  
TO THEM" WOULD BE "URGES THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO BEAR IN  
MIND".

COMMENT: THIS REPHRASING OF OPERATIVE PARA 3 MAKES IT  
MORE OF A OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THAN THE PREVIOUS WHICH WAS  
RATHER A STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLE. THIS WAS A  
PARAGRAPH TO WHICH TURKS TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION. IT ALSO  
COMBINES USEFUL LANGUAGE FROM EARLIER PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH  
5. AND COMBINES TWO REFERENCES TO ICJ INTO ONE.  
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